# Cadastral Information Management with ArcGIS

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#### ArcGIS 9.2

- Survey Analyst Product
  ✓ Survey Editor
  - ✓ Cadastral Editor

- Survey Analyst, product upgrade
  - Survey Editor
  - Cadastral Editor
    - Enter data from survey documents
    - Join parcels together
    - Add survey control
    - Apply LSA to the completed cadastral network
- 9.2 SP3

## Cadastral Editor vs Survey Editor

- Survey Editor designed to edit and manage the data stored in a Survey Dataset
  - A collection of computations, measurements, and survey points that are shared within a predefined geographic area.
  - Stores and manages field observations from field equipment and used by surveyors
- Cadastral Editor designed to edit and manage data held in a Cadastral Fabric
  - composite layer defined by a group of feature classes of parcels, lines and points
  - A workflow for editing and managing cadastral data

#### **Goals of the Cadastral Editor**

- Improve the accuracy of data in GIS using control points and documented measurements
  - Incrementally improve positional accuracy of cadastral fabric and standard feature classes
- Improve the efficiency of cadastral data management workflows
- Improve the spatial locations of data layers associated with the cadastral fabric
- Integrate parcel data from electronic CAD and XML files

## Why Use Cadastral Editor?

- Sound survey methodology
  - Least Squares Adjustment (no rubber sheeting)
- Continuously enhance your data
- History is maintained (chain of title)
  - Legal dates and system dates
- Foundation for GIS data
- Query capabilities
- Seamlessly use multiple projections

#### Who Uses the Cadastral Editor?

#### Organizations that

- Spend a lot of time adjusting new data so it fits in with existing data
- Maintain a layer of control points
- Use CAD-based software for COGO functions
- Employ or contract work out to surveyors
- Submit survey record information to a local government authority
- Receive submissions of survey record information
- Perform cadastral boundary relocation surveys and/or new subdivision surveys

#### Organizations where

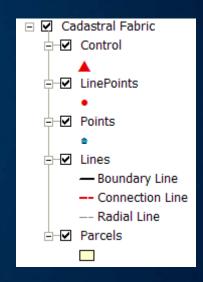
- Other departments within the organization use cadastral record information as a basemap for their own GIS layers
- At least 50% of the original record measurements are maintained in digital form

#### **Benefits**

- Honor the intent of the originating survey and legal record
- Be able to maintain spatial accuracy through time
- Track parcel lineage
- Utilize control point coordinates to improve spatial accuracy and value

#### What is a Cadastral Fabric?

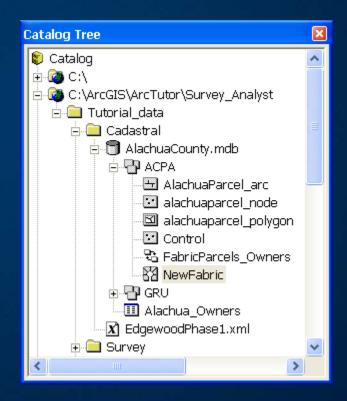
- A continuous surface of connected parcels
- A composite layer defined by a group of related feature classes of parcels, lines and points
  - Self standing entity
- A dimensioned boundary network
- Adjusted by Least Squares
- Can only be edited with cadastral fabric editing tools

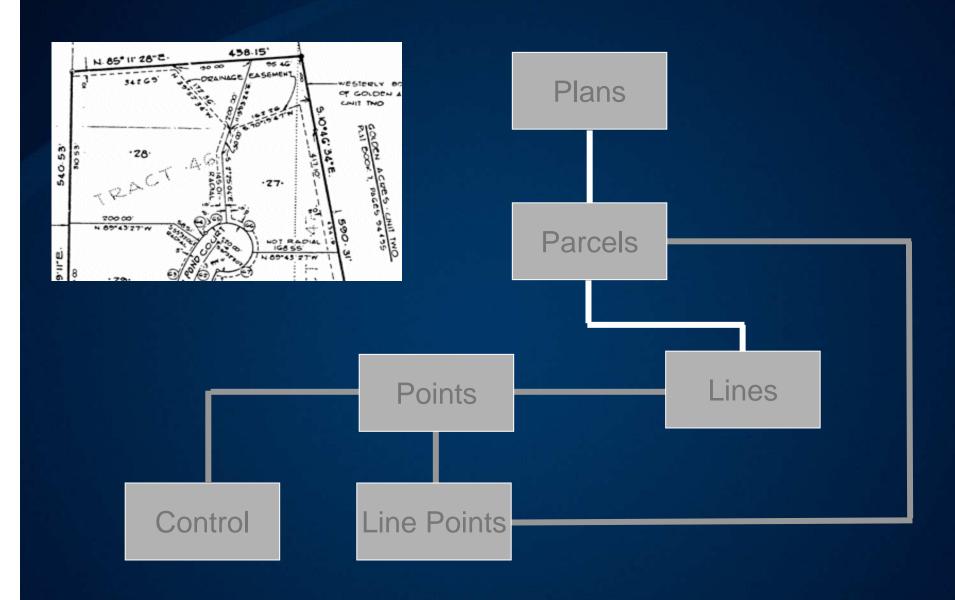


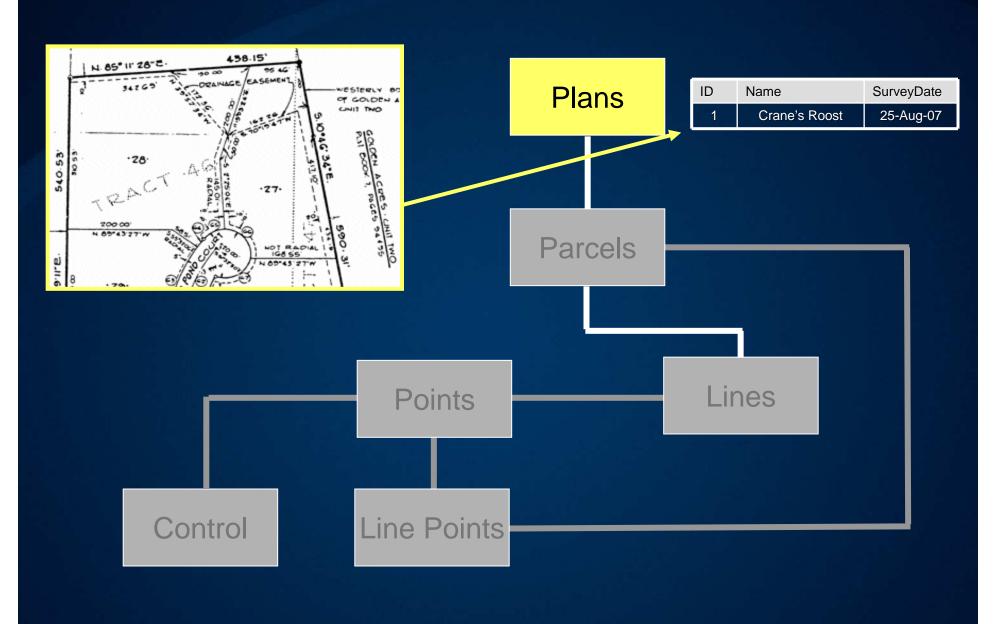
NOTE: An existing cadastral fabric layer is recognized by ArcMap even if the Survey Analyst Cadastral Editor extension is not installed. The Survey Analyst Cadastral Editor extension is required to edit and update the cadastral fabric

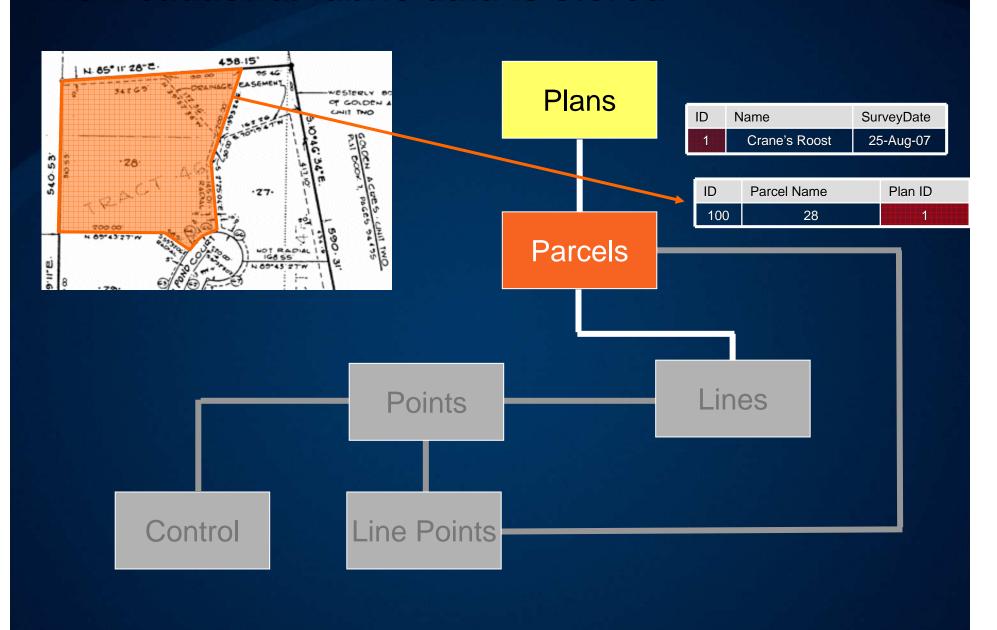
## Managing the cadastral fabric

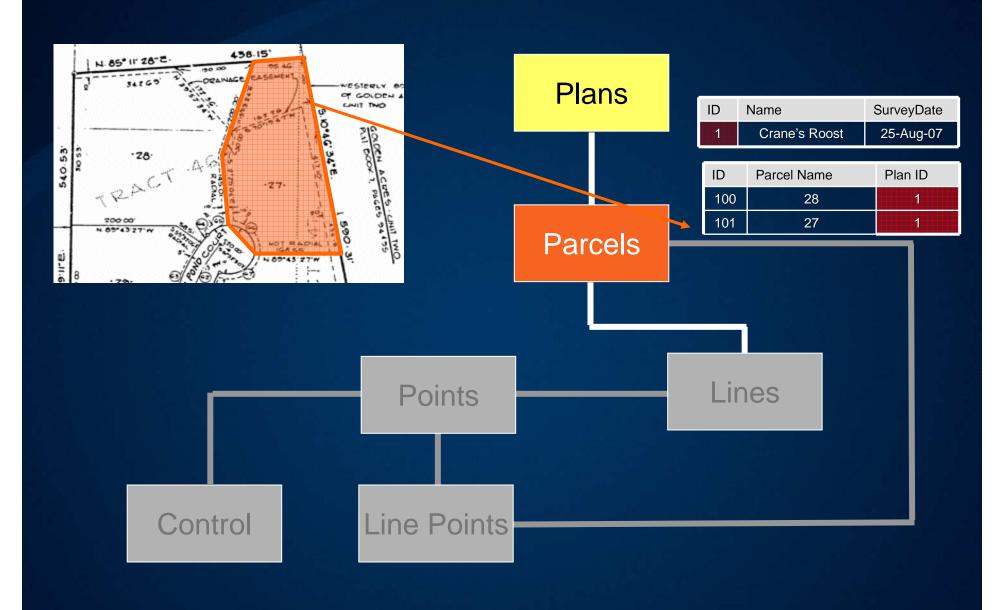
- Through single node in ArcCatalog
  - Feature dataset extension
  - Fabric inherits coordinate system from parent feature dataset

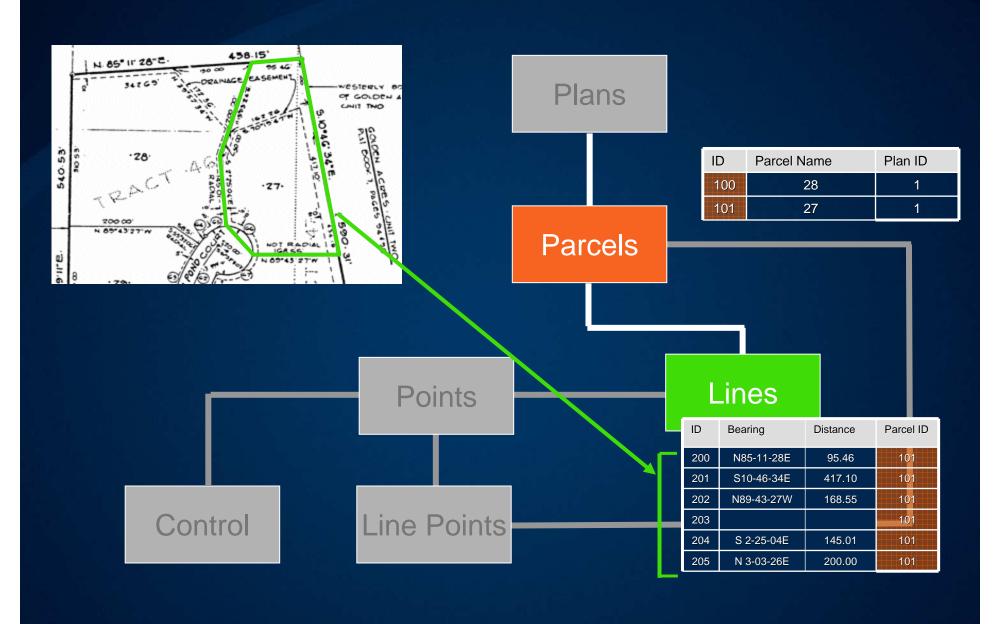


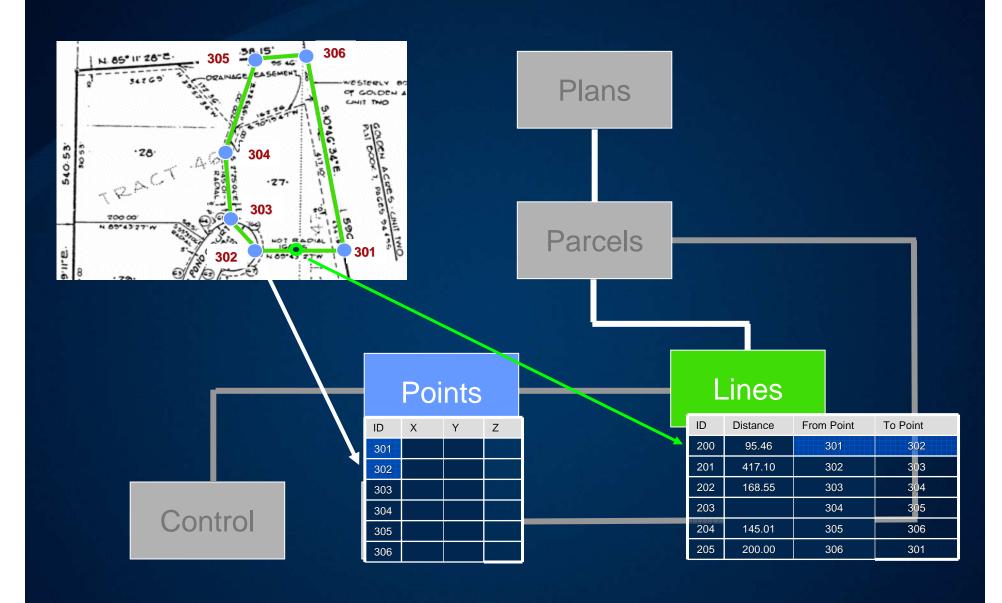


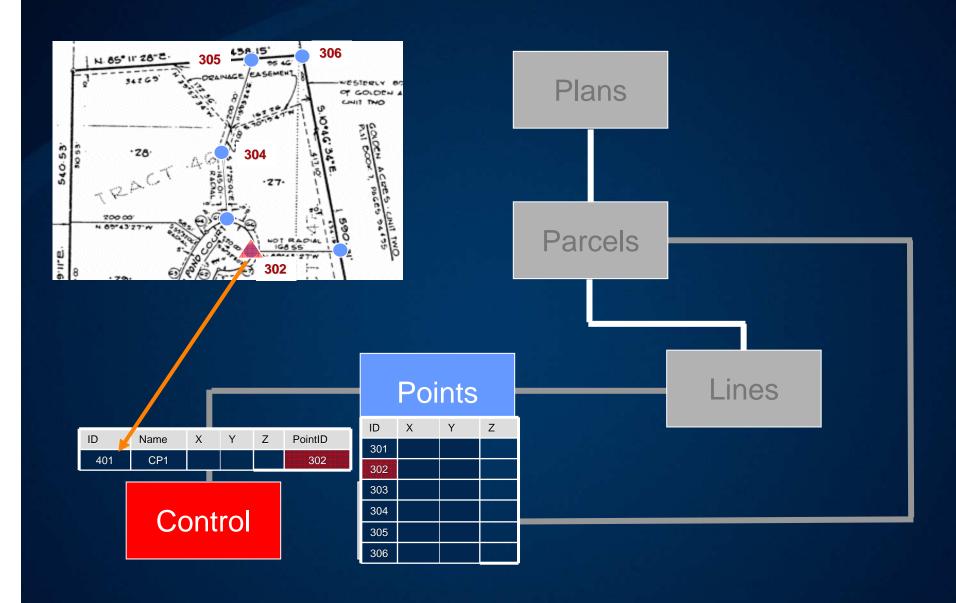


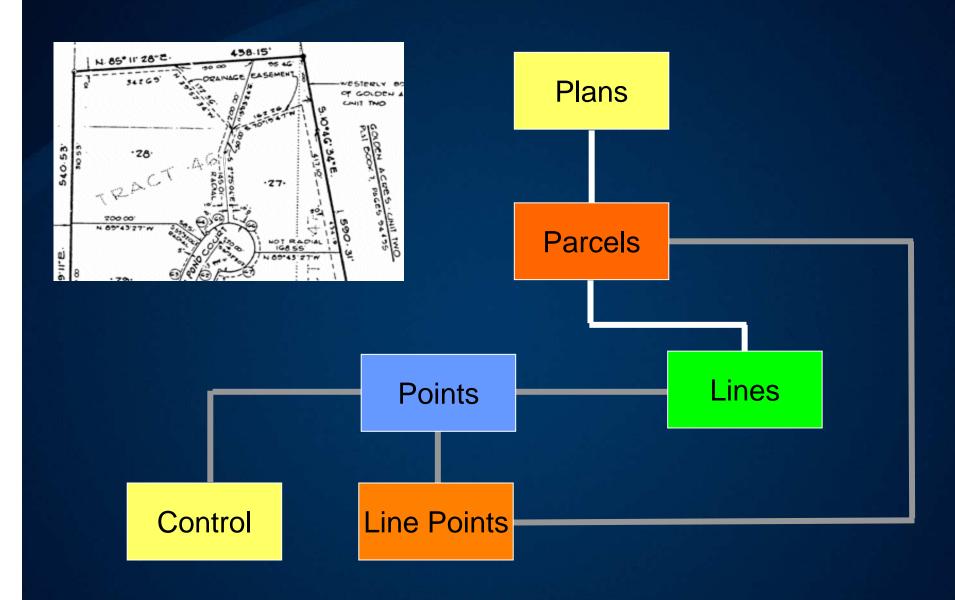






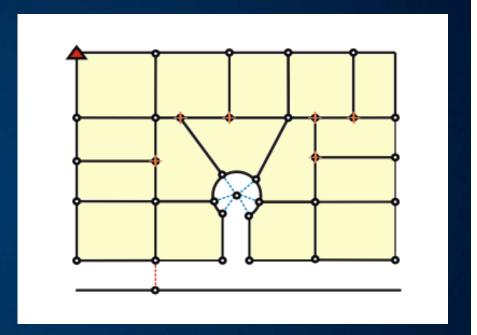






### **Fabric as a Network**

- Parcels are the 'unit of work'
  - Create and edit parcels
  - Join parcels to the fabric
- Control points fix and georeference the fabric
- Fabric network and control points are adjusted by *least-squares*



## Fabric as Control for GIS

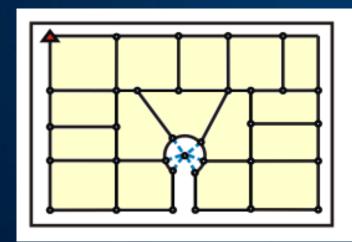
- GIS feature layers often maintained in context with the cadastre
- A positionally accurate cadastre then controls the GIS
- Capture coordinate shifts after adjustment
  - therefore adjusting associated layers and maintain spatial relationships
- The result is more accurate coordinates all around

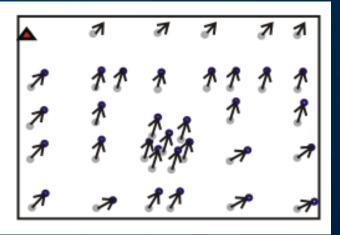
# Least-squares adjustment (LSA)

- Fabric + Control + LSA = Good Coordinates
- More than improves coordinates
  - 1. Shows where additional control is needed
  - 2. Helps isolate errors in the data (e.g. incorrectly entered measurements)
  - 3. Removing mistakes increases accuracy
- Outputs post-adjustment analysis reports
- Never changes the original measurement values

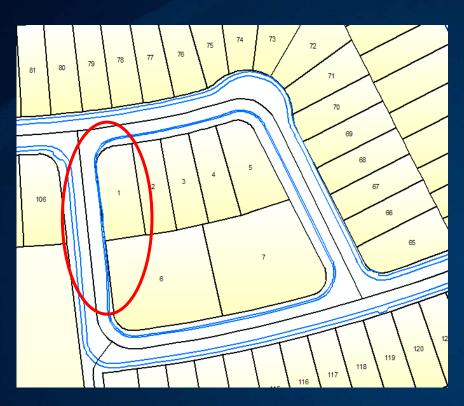
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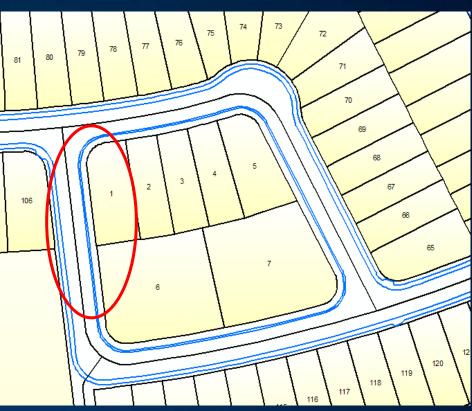
- Using LSA results we create a set of adjustment vectors
  - An adjustment vector is the displacement between a point's original coordinate and new coordinate after LSA
    - History of coordinate changes based on each sequential LSA
  - Created by software after least squares is applied in a job





## **GIS Feature Adjustment**





Utility line features incorrectly located with respect to the fabric...

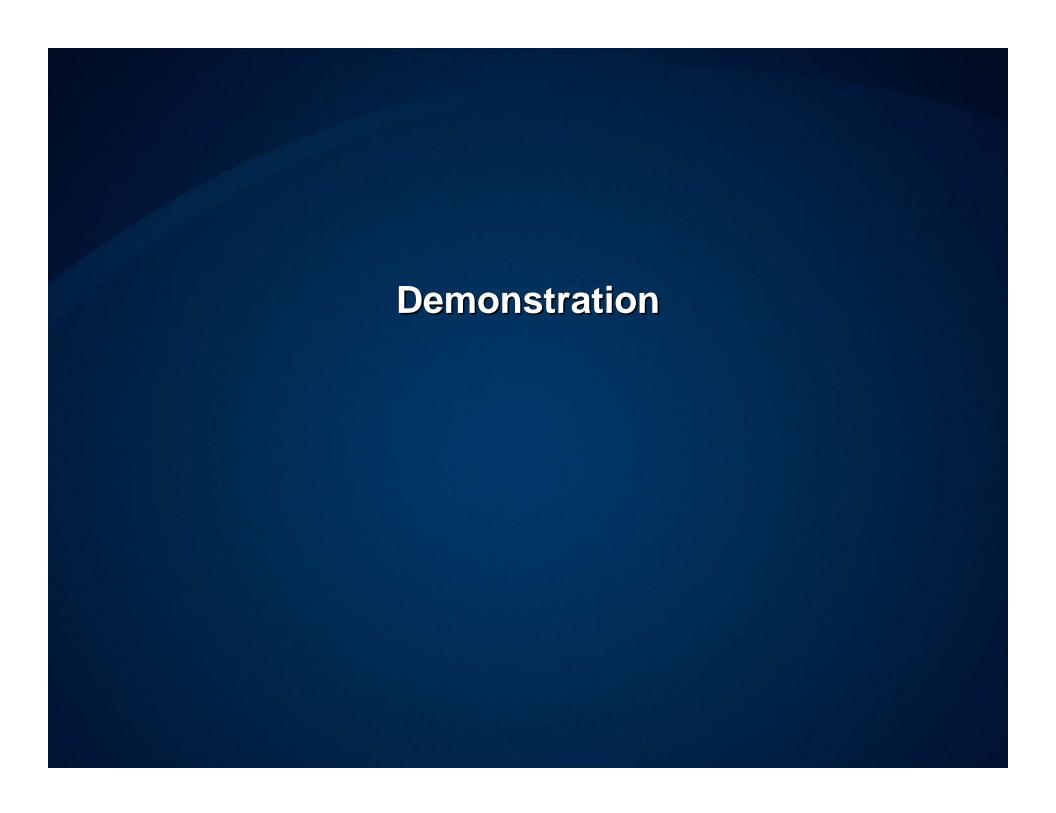


Using adjustment vectors, utility line features are adjusted to the fabric.

#### What is the Result?

- A cadastral fabric that is:
  - Accurate to the same mathematical integrity of the original survey measurements
  - Complete by preserving all survey data
- A GIS database of original survey measurements

Correctly geo-referenced GIS feature layers to the fabric



## **Training**

# **ArcGIS Survey Analyst: Maintaining Land Records Using the Cadastral Editor (ILV)**

- This course is designed for experienced ArcGIS users who want to create, update, and manage accurate and seamless cadastral networks from survey plans and electronic subdivision data.
- It is also useful for GIS users who need to work with cadastral datasets and survey information.
- Land record and survey professionals will find the course of particular benefit.

